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WOODS AND WATER.

A BEAVER KILLED AT BOYER

Bears and Their Depredations.

While returning from his work Friday John K. Hinkle and son of Boyer killed a strange animal which they suppose is a beaver. They were near Penns Lick Run when they saw an animal bearing some resemblance to a ground hog take refuge in the water. It hid itself but left its tail exposed. A plank was placed upon the tail, and it required all Mr. Hinkle's strength to hold it. Calling his son, it was soon dispatched by a blow upon the head. The animal measured fourteen inches in length not including the tail which was ten inches long. The tail was flat, oval and scaly. The head was small and short, and contained only four teeth which were long and sharp. The fur is an inch long and as fine as silk. The skin was preserved and is now to be seen at Mr. Hinkle's home.

It has been a long number of years since beavers were known to exist in this region and the wonder is, if this is a beaver, where did it come from. There are a few beavers in secluded places on the Potomac, descendants of some escaped from the Zoological gardens at Washington. But it is hardly reasonable to suppose that this beaver made his way up the South Branch and across the divide to the waters of Penns Lick which is a tributary of the Greenbrier. Beavers have been known to appear in localities where they were supposed to have been extinct for years. Some time since the Forest and Stream printed an account of a beaver colony verified by photographs, living almost in sight of New York and well within hearing of the din and noise of that great city. The beaver had been unmolested to such an extent that they had begun to build houses and dams. The progenitors of this colony had come from one of the city's parks, it is supposed.

Money in the Greenbrier Valley.
From the bank statements just published according to law, we tabulate the following, showing the money on deposit in the banks of Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas counties:

Bank of Marlinton	8 222,968.97
1st Nat. Bank, Marlinton	82 141.81
Bank of Lewisburg	196 540.50
Bank of Greenbrier	138 038.51
1st Nat. Bank, Ronceverte	118 945.09
Ronceverte National Bank	88 803.04
Greenbrier Valley Bank	161 233.11
1st Nat. Bank, Alderson	118 064.61
Bank of Union	102 340.92
Bank of Monroe	24 638.07
Citizens Bank of Monroe	89 470.61
Total	1,320 153.61

At between the counties the showing is as follows:

Greenbrier	667 294.14
Monroe	377 687.79
Pocahontas	305, 183.63
Greenbrier Independent	

28 Lives Lost on U.S. Battle Ship
United States Battle Ship Missouri suffered an accident while engaged in target practice off Pensacola, Florida, Wednesday last in which 28 men lost their lives and the ship barely escaped destruction. In some way flames from the guns as they were discharged were conveyed to the compartment where the charges for the guns were stored and a terrible explosion resulted. Several gun crews were thrown into heaps of mangled humanity and suffocated by the sulphurous fumes. Only by a manful effort by the crew were the openings of other compartments closed and the ship brought safely to port. The American Navy has ever been singularly free from accidents of a like kind, but our good luck can't always last. We can recall no equal to this accident other than the blowing up of the Maine in Havana Harbor, when the victims numbered into the hundreds.

A few days previous a British torpedo boat sank and drowned her crew of twelve men.

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MONTEREY, Va.

Will visit Pocahontas county at least twice a year. The exact date of his visit will appear in this paper.

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T. S. McNEEL,

Bears are a commodity we could well dispense with. They are evidently on the increase since the method of hunting deer with dogs has become obsolete by reason of game laws, and public sentiment. The extinction of the Tug, perhaps, has something to do with the increased number of bears. We are told a bear will tear a toe nail off so great is his hurry to get out of woods through which hounds have run, and if a Tug gets the idea sufficiently impressed upon his mind that he is following a bear trail, the bear is not given force and gets his strength in a time to draw a long breath and if he is wise he will put himself out of circulation temporarily by withdrawal to the deepest seclusion of the woods.

Years ago the sheep killing forced to take the defensive by the bear was the exception rather than the rule, and in the law making it was not deemed necessary certain way their ability to play the game of modern warfare.

Then comes a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills. — Longfellow.

A HOME VISITING

DURING WAR TIMES.

A Withdrawal to His Home by Way of Anthony's Creek.

At the close of the previous article the reader will recall that I was on the lookout for a message from the Major, that I was told to wait for.

Early in the morning when I went to feed and water Harry Lightfoot, I found him so lame that he could not put one of his feet to the ground.

A foot too he had never complained of before that I could remember.

He was in that crippled condition when our union visitors examined the stables soon afterwards and this was no doubt the reason that he was not pressed into the union service then and there. As I came back from the bridge after my being so politely released, I stopped in to see how Harry Lightfoot was getting along and to my grateful surprise he seemed all right.

The lookout however was still kept up. In the course of two or three hours after all had disappeared in the direction of Huntersville some horse-men were soon riding rapidly from that course who looked like union cavalry. In an instant I was out and gone and I have not satisfactorily learned since whether or not they were sent by the Major. My impression is, however, that the polite Captain never mentioned my name, and the Major knew as much about the man in the moon, as he ever knew about me so far as the Captain may have told him anything.

It is with some hesitation that I tell this about Harry Lightfoot lest my friends think I am romancing; but if any one like a Doubting Didymus, wants satisfaction and is willing to meet the expense, let him bring a notary and an affidavit duly authenticated will be at his service. Upon mounting Harry Lightfoot, turning his head towards the Levels and starting from the porch of the old home, I struck the road at what was called the old stone bridge over Kee's run. My horse was keen as a rabbit, trotted and loped up the Price Hill in a way that made me fear that for once at least such a horse was not a "safe thing for safety."

After a cold and hurried ride of eleven or twelve miles I reached Hillsboro before sun-down and found a safe and quiet resting place at the home of my friend of all friends, Rev. Mitchell D. Dunlap.

On the following morning which was the Holy Sabbath, Mr. Dunlap had me go with him to his place of preaching a mile or more distant, where to an audience of eleven souls, I commented on the words: "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings his heart is fixed trusting in the Lord" Psalm 113.7.

I very soon learned after reaching Hillsboro that news of the movement from Beverly had preceded me. There was much anxiety and suspense prevading the community lest the unionists might raid the Levels and drive off the live stock. By way of precaution I learned that a patriotic lady living in a house on an elevated situation took her position at the gable window having in hand a white table cloth to hang out the moment the enemy might appear in view. Upon this being done other signals were arranged for farther on, then measures would be taken to rally whatever forces available for the purpose of scooping in a prize so essential for war purposes, for cattle and fine horses. A hundred thousand dollars at present rates would scarcely replace the property that was exposed so temptingly and so imperfectly guarded.

Embers supposed to

learned that the people of the Levels received their information through a Miss Kee living near Marlinton Bottom. Late Friday evening he met two or more Federal soldiers who were residents of the neighborhood and claimed to be on a secret visit to their old homes. It was his opinion however that there must be a force coming on this raid.

At early daylight Saturday Miss Kee reported to a confederate soldier at home on the lookout what she had seen and he hurried at once to the Levels and forthwith a courier was on the way for the confederate cavalry headquarters in Greenbrier.

As promptly as circumstances would permit, a large detachment started in pursuit, passing Hillsboro about sun rise Sunday morning. The raiders were not overtaken until Monday night near Rockman's on Back Creek, Highlawn county.

The confederate officer in command, Major Swann, I believe concluded from all he could learn that by this time the unionists had been largely reinforced or could be easily reinforced by way of the Parkersburg road. He moreover inferred from the position of their camp fires that the raiders had heard of the pursuit and were soon riding rapidly from that course who looked like union cavalry. As I came back from the bridge after my being so politely released, I stopped in to see how Harry Lightfoot was getting along and to my grateful surprise he seemed all right.

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An Old Confederate.

Mr. James H. Guin, from near Hosterman, was in Marlinton last Friday. He is one of the few confederate survivors.

He was taken prisoner by Union scouts, on Back Alleghany in October 1861, went to Camp Chase where he remained until September 1862, at which time he was transferred to Johnson's Island. In November 1862 he was selected for exchange and at Cairo was put on a steamer for Vicksburg. Seventeen days were spent on the steamer before reaching Vicksburg, where he was delivered to the Confederate authorities and started for Virginia. On the return route he remembers Meridian, Mobile, Montgomery, then through Georgia, Tennessee, finally to Lynchburg, Staunton, Monterey and reached home the day before Christmas 1862. On the way to Camp Chase, a night was spent at Hattonsville. To make matters interesting for the prisoner he was solemnly assured that at sunrise he would be hung on a sugar tree limb.

He was equally positive in declaring that if this was done John Davis would hang three Union prisoners to make things even. They retorted by insinuating that Jeff must think lots of him. At Camp Chase a Union officer claimed to recognize Guin, as one that had shot at him three times. He was requested to specify the time and place and upon doing so Guin emphatically denied the charge, as he could prove an alibi, that would satisfy any reasonable man, if he had a chance.

A confederate officer interfered and fiercely berated the Union officer for badgering a prisoner in this fashion.

Though in the seventies, the old soldier shows no gray hairs, in the heavy suit of black hair that covers his head.

Clay to Camden-on-Gauley.

The Buffalo Creek & Gauley Railroad Co., of Harrisburg, Pa., has been incorporated to build a line about 35 miles long in West Virginia from Clay Court House to Camden-on-Gauley; capital \$100,000. The incorporators are John Y. Boyd, Jas. M. Cameron, Henry McCormick, Jr., and Vance G. McCormick of Harrisburg, Pa., and Bud Thompson of Martha Furnace, Pennsylvania, Manufacturers Record.

Russia has declared wireless telegraph apparatus contraband of war. A London news company has been receiving its dispatches by this means. Should this be confiscated as has been threatened it would perhaps mean strained relation with England as the apparatus is aboard a boat flying the British flag. Complications with England are not desirable at this time as it is especially important that the Russian Squadron proceed to the relief of what remains of the Port Arthur fleet. The Suez Canal and Straits of Gibraltar both controlled by England will be passed through.

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Preaching Announcements.

3rd Sunday—Huntington, 11 a. m.; Bethel, 8 p. m.; Mt. Vernon 7 p. m.

4th Sunday—Marlinton, 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.; Mt. Pleasant, 3 p. m.

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